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PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

January 1, 1989 - December 31, 1989

Divine Liturgy..... Chicago 47, Waukegan 5,

Special Church Services..... Holy Nativity, Sun Rise and evening services Great and Holy Thursday, and Holy Friday Vartanantz, Easter Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, Assumption of the Holy Mother of God, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Holy Translator, first anniversary memorial and requiem service for the earthquake victims, St. Stephen the prodeacon and the first Martyrs, (TOTALING 22).

Baptism..... Chicago 4

Wedding..... Chicago 4

Funeral..... Chicago 9, Waukegan 1, Wander Lake 1.

Requiem Services..... Asked by 34 families in memory of their beloved ones. Besides there, requiem services rendered for the victims of the earthquake, St. Vartanantz, Forth Martyrs of Sepastia, Mothers day, pastors wife Agnes Maksoodian, memorial day for the souls of the women's guild departed members, for the soul of His Eminence late Archbishop Hovsep Sarajian, His Eminence Archbishop Diran Nersoian for the soul of Armenia's teachers and students who perished in the course of the earthquake in Armenia last year. On the occasion of 25th Anniversary of the consecration of this church for the souls of founders and benefactors of this parish, for the soul of Alderman

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victims on the 1st anniversary of the tragedy.

Visitations..... Blessing of homes and visitation to sick in their homes, 43. Hospital visitation for the children from Armenia, treated in the hospital. I have asked to many families to visit their homes, but because of excuses of their own, 7 was not able to visit them.

Participation in meetings..... Parish council 25, women's auxiliary 9, women's guild 8, A.C.Y.O.A. seniors and basket-ball 17, choir 4, choir practices 11, April 24 Memorial committee 4, picnic committee 8, 25th

Anniversary celebration committee 11, Midwest Regional Council 2, Hye-Camp 2, deacons practices 4, on November 13, 1989 meeting for Bible studies and church related issues, participation with Very Rev. Fr. Varujan Dz. Vrt. Kabarajian, Fr. Karekin Kasparian, Fr. Vahram Hazarian, Deacon Serop Aljalian, presiding His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian the Primate. For His Eminence Archbishop Torkom Manoogian's 50th Anniversary of priesthood's celebration committee, 2 annual parish assembly meeting on Feb. 12 1989.

Various Events and Affairs..... On January 5, 1989 eve of Nativity after church services a coffee and bake reception was given, donated by Mrs. Azniv Frankian. January 27, rummage sale organized by women's guild all proceeds went to aid for Armenia. February 4, noon parentan a reception and lunch given by women's guild. March 10,

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women's guild. March 12, in remembrance of St. Gregory the Illuminator's commitment to the pit and observance of Median Day of lent is lunch given by the ladies auxiliary. Palm Sunday March 19, luncheon and bake sale given by women's guild. Great and Holy Thursday, march 23, lentil luncheon prepared by women's guild, and donated by Mrs. Sella Gircik. Easter Sunday, march 26, after church services a reception was given to the children from Armenia, who were in Chicago for treatment, this event was organized by parish council and women's guild, jointed. And presents were distributed to the children by women's guild. Sunday April 23, observances of April 24, 1915, with the participation of St. James parish of Evanston, Very Rev. Varujan Kabarajian celebrated divine liturgy and delivered the sermon. After church services a reception took place with luncheon, followed by a program. A life picture was prepared and presented by Sarkis Gircik, main speakers of the event were: Late George Hagopian, and Prof. Apraham Terian. May 12, on mothers day a luncheon was given in honor of mothers, by women's guild. May 20 bake-sale organized by women's guild of St. James of Evanston and St. Gregory the Illuminator churches of Chicago, all proceed was sent to Diocese. March 31, an exhibition of Armenian folk dance presented by Thomas Bozikian at the cultural hall of this church. June 3, rummage sale, given by women's guild.

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June 10, rummage sale, given by women's guild. June 18, on the occasion of Fathers day, a breakfast given in honor of fathers by women's guild. August 12 & 13 annual picnic. October 10 lahmajoon sale given by ladies auxiliary. November 11, 25th anniversary dance in the cultural hall of this church. Sunday November 12, on the occasion of 25th anniversary of the consecration of this church His Eminence Archbishop and delivered the sermon, having assistance at the holy table Fr. Karekin Kasparian, after church services a lunch and reception was given in the cultural hall. November 19, rummage sale was given by women's guild. Saturday December 2, our Nairi choir hosted a seminar whereby Fr. Arshen Ayvazian gave simple explanations about the meaning and the performance of the divine liturgy. Sunday December 3 Fr. Arshen Ayvazian celebrated divine liturgy, and delivered the sermon. December 9, choir's annual dinner took place in Sayat Nova restaurant. Sunday December 17, Fr. Haig Donikian celebrated divine liturgy, and delivered sermon.

In addition to the duties and activities presented above, I have participated in a variety of meetings and services, whenever my office has been called upon. I attended to the funeral services for alderman George Hagopian, at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyrs Church in Chicago, having with me deacon Kegam Parseghian, stole-bearer Hagop

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prayers, Very Rev. Varujan Dz. Vrt. Kabarajian and Fr. Diran Papazian were also present at these services. During this year I attended 3 funeral services at St. James church in Evanston, 1 Assyrian church in Chicago, 1 in Cemetery's Chapel, I have visited the cemetery on Memorial day, I participated in a baptism service at St. Joachim and Anne church in Palos Heights, Illinois. I attended a lecture given by Prof. Pakarad I dilyan, and year end closing programs of Armenian language school of A.G.B.U., at A.G.B.U. Onning Norehad Center in Chicago. I attended to welcoming reception given for Fr. Diran Papazian and a luncheon at St. Joachim and Anne church of Palos Heights. During Lent on evening services certain prayers were read with the choir and attendance in English language. This year on August 26 and 27 I took my annual vacation. I would like to record herewith the following names; who became members to this church Mr. & Mrs. Hovhannes Boz, Mr. & Mrs. Hovhannes Karaoghlanian, and Raffi Hazarian. I submit herewith my heartfelt appreciations to the all organizations of this church who with their full-support and cooperation made this year a good one. I would like to mention among many efforts that these organizations made; thanks to the choir who took the initiative sending stole-bearer Raffi Hazarian to New York, to participate in St. Nerses Seminary's summer courses. Many thanks to this parish

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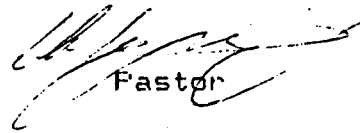
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parishioners together, organizing social events. I once more would like to extend my gratitudes and appreciations to Mrs. Shake Simmes, and the entire parish whose without support we could not have successful a year.

This report is prepared for the Annual parish assembly of the St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church of

February 4, 1990
Chicago, Illinois

Fr. Vahram A. Hazarian



Pastor